

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 630

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bonnie Smith for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Smith is one such admirable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; she was recently honored for her outstanding service to Portland Medical Center in volunteering over 5,000 hours in 2006 at the facility; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary life, Ms. Smith has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Smith's achievement breaks the previous record for service to the hospital, where she serves as the buyer for the Portland Medical Center Strawberry Patch Gift Shoppe and works four days per week in the hospital's gift shop as a clerk; and

WHEREAS, Portland Medical Center's volunteers provide an essential community service function, and Ms. Smith is a valued part of fulfilling the hospital's mission to provide health, healing, and hope to all; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Smith's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bonnie Smith is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ms. Bonnie Smith for her record-breaking achievement of volunteer service to Portland Medical Center and salute her stalwart commitment to the good people of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.